

Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

MAPC Large Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall
4:00-5:00 p.m., January 28, 2015

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

Susan Estes, David Foster, Bryan Frye, Joe Johnson, Cindy Miles, Randy Oliver, James Roseboro, Gary Schmitt, Debra Miller Stevens,

Attendance - Project Staff:

Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

1. Welcome -

The meeting was called to order by Susan Estes.

2. Committee Discussion of Feedback Received from the January Presentations on the Working Draft Community Investments Plan -

During the month of January, Cindy Miles gave presentations on the working Draft Community Investments Plan to the County Department Heads, the City Department Directors, the Advanced Plans Committee of the MAPC, and the MAPC as a whole. Dave Barber presented the Committee with a one-page summary of comments and suggestions on the working Draft Plan that have been received to-date from these presentations. Based on a review and discussion of this feedback, the Committee agreed to make the following changes to the January 8, 2015 working Draft Plan:

- On page 29, add a quote box that says, "...there is an estimated \$9-10 billion gap over the next 20 years between Wichita's planned future infrastructure and facility expenditures and its projected revenues..."
- On page 32, add a quote box that says, "... invest in maintaining and replacing our aging water and sewer distribution systems..."
- On page 33, reword Strategy E as follows, "Review and update the Wichita Public Library System Master Plan to ensure our city-wide system of library facilities and associated technologies remain relevant to the evolving library needs of our community."

3. Other Discussion Items -

Community outreach approach: Staff and Committee members discussed how to effectively inform and educate the general public about the working draft Plan later this spring. The Committee agreed that the following ideas would be most appropriate and effective:

- Create a short, four minute video that summaries the highlights of the Plan. This could be used as an introduction to community meeting presentations and could also be posted on the City's Facebook, YouTube, and twitter links and email links. Some Committee members should be interviewed as part of this video – Bryan Frye offered to help with scripting.
- Utilize the various community and neighborhood newsletters for reaching people.
- Presentations at neighborhood meetings, service club meetings and professional organization meetings.
- City Government 101 could be a forum to host a presentation on the Plan – James Roseboro is willing to help with this.
- Door-knocking in DAB neighborhood areas was also discussed as a way of reaching out to those who feel disenfranchised or do not attend public meetings.
- Activate Wichita web outreach.

Suggestion to improve future City and County CIP's: The suggestion was made that each item in the CIP project listing sheets should have a summary score/indication of how well that project reflects/or is consistent with the Community Investments Plan and its Guiding Policy Principles.

Richard Ranzau's email regarding Kansas State Statutes: Committee members expressed concern about the intent of Richard's email sent to everyone earlier in the day. Richard has always expressed his dislike for the heavy use of government regulations as it relates to personal property rights. The majority of the Committee is of the view that the land use certainty, balance and flexibility provided by the Community Investments Plan is necessary to protect individual property and to promote future economic investment in our community.

4. Next Committee Meeting - March 4, 2015

5. Comments from Public Attendees -

Kansas statute 12-747 indicates that a city or county may choose to have comprehensive plan.

6. Adjourned - 4:50 p.m.